



CHANGE OUR LIVES In today's first reading, Jonah, sent by God to warn the people, storms through Nineveh, frightening the citizens out of their wits. It works! They repent before Jonah makes his way through a third of the city, and God sees "by their actions" how they have turned from evil. Then we hear

Paul telling the Corinthians that "the world in its present form is passing away." He calls for a change of heart. He stops short of telling them to set aside their everyday lives, but still he urges them— rather mysteriously— to live as though they aren't doing the things they're doing. Finally, Jesus stands on the shore and cries, "The kingdom of God is at hand!" The apostles-to-be abandon their nets and follow him. Thus in all the readings we hear an invitation to a radical and immediate change in our lives.

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FAMILY PERSPECTIVES James and John appear irresponsible leaving their jobs and families to follow Jesus. In today's gospel Jesus is making the same invitation to you and your family: "Now is the time. Come follow me." In this New Year, Jesus is inviting you to leave your comfort zone and follow him more closely. This is your chance! How will you answer?

MCEEF COLLECTION The Monsignor Connelly Educational Endowment Fund was established to assist parish families needing some additional assistance with their children's tuition at Blessed Sacrament School. Last year 17 families received assistance; the grant average was \$235. Please be generous in this collection today, our children are our future.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS If you would like a statement of your contributions, please call the Parish Office. Copies will be made upon request.


CURSILLO NEWS The Cursillo Choir will be singing here at Blessed Sacrament on Saturday, February 25th at the 5:15pm Mass. Fellowship and light dinner will follow in the cafeteria for Cursillistas. Any Cursillista who would like to help and/or bring a dessert to share, please call our Cursillo Parish Coordinators, Jeanne & Randy Crays at 835-9416 after 4pm.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER AND RETROUVAILLE are two effective, time-tested ministries that can help married couples improve the quality of their marriages, while growing deeper in their Christian faith and stronger in their love for each other.

- ❖ *Marriage Encounter* is designed for couples who want to enrich their marriage. Following the weekend, the couples are invited to join small communities that meet once per month.
- ❖ *Retrouvaille* (meaning "rediscovery") is for hurting or wounded marriages that are in need of repair. Couples are encouraged to attend six weekly follow-up sessions, which reinforce various themes built into the initial weekend, and are invited to meet monthly with other Retrouvaille couples to continue their experience and enjoy support.

FAITH MAGAZINE In your January envelope packet you should have a blue envelope entitled Erie Catholic Press Publications. We are assessed \$4,082 by the Diocese, so far we have received \$863. in donations. Help your parish meet the assessment for these publications with your contributions.

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY PRETZEL SANDWICH SALE The Victorious Missionaries of Erie, an organization for the handicapped, will be taking orders for pretzel sandwiches at \$2.00 each; choice of ham & cheese or turkey & cheese. Orders will be taken after all the Masses (except 7:30pm) on January 21 & 22 and January 28 & 29. Pick up your orders after Mass on February 4 & 5.



Catholic Schools
Character. Compassion. Values.

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated January 29th – February 3rd. The week will start off with the 9:00am Mass on Sunday, January 29th followed by Open House from 10:00am – 12:00pm. Parents with preschool and school aged children are invited to learn about our programs, take a tour of the school and meet other families over refreshments in the cafeteria. School Advisory Committee Members and Student Council Members will be available as tour guides. Teachers will be in their classrooms to answer any questions you might have regarding the school. The teachers have planned an exciting, educational and fun week for our school children.

HEATING BILLS Visit www.StayWarmPA.com or call 1-866-550-4355 if you:

- Need help restoring your utility services
- Want help paying your heating bills
- Require financial help to fix residential heating systems
- Need a place to go to stay warm
- Are worried about the safety and health of neighbors and friends
- Want to know more about your community resources

Speaking of utility bills...if anyone would like to trade bills we would be happy to trade with you! For the month of December our gas bill for the complex was \$12,496 and our electric bill was \$3,986.63. In your new envelope packet for February and March there will be an envelope marked Fuel & Heat; we realize everyone is facing a big increase in their gas bills, but we would appreciate any contribution you could make. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

CHURCH CLEANERS Every Thursday morning at 8:30am we have a few faithful "angels" who clean the church. They dust the pews, run the sweeper, dust mop the floor between the pews and clean the vestibule. It is amazing the amount of "trash" that they find every week. We are asking everyone to help us out a little. If you use tissues during Mass, take them with you and throw them out at home or in the garbage can in the restroom. Please don't leave them in the pew or in the book holders. If it is necessary to bring breakfast with you for your children to eat and/or drink during Mass, please pick up any spilled food or wipe up spilled drinks. The ants have a feast day on this and as much as we love all of God's creatures...there is nothing worse than sitting in Church and watching the ants march across the pews...not to mention how annoying it can be to sit in something sticky! We are also looking for some more people to help clean, so if you are free on Thursday mornings around 8:30am stop by and help out our "angels." We are in need of some more sweepers for them to use, so if you have any old sweepers that are in good working condition that you would like to donate, please call the Parish Office.

LECTORS/SACRISTANS We are in need of some Lectors for the 7:00 & 8:00 daily Masses and also Sacristans for our School Masses on Fridays at 8:45. If interested in either position, call the Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS / SANCTUARY CANDLE We still have openings for the Sanctuary Candle for 2006. Although all weekend Masses are booked, there are many openings for weekday Masses (7:00 & 8:00am). During Lent we will be having 5:15pm Mass Monday-Friday in the Convent. If you are interested in Mass Intentions or the Sanctuary Candle, please stop by the Parish Office Monday – Friday from 8-4:30pm.

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Please pray for all of the sick and shut-in of our Parish Family.

Baptized into the Christian Community
through the waters of Baptism

DELANEY ELIZABETH LOGAN

Daughter of James and Julie [Whelan] Logan

NICHOLAS BARRY PUBLICOVER

Son of Barry and Carrie [Chrostowski] Publicover

DYLAN MATTHEW WARZYNAK

Son of Brian and Jennifer [Pacy] Warzynak

Mass of Christian Burial was given to Carmella Bellucci.
The prayers and sympathy of the Parish Family were extended
to her family. May she rest in peace.

CAFETERIA VOLUNTEERS

Monday 1/23 Lisa Dietrich, Susan Leach, Marge Wiertel, Jack & Shirley Kenehan

Tuesday 1/24 Marie Elsesser, Mary Fiske, Bill Schriefer

Wednesday 1/25 Cindi Orlando, Lisa Pianta, Marion Inman, Joni Medvec, Bonnie Abramczyk

Thursday 1/26 Marianne Zimmerman, Lisa Kaveney, Linda Witchcoff, Lisa Jones

Friday 1/27 Tammy Gromacki, Janet Fisher, Rose Cvecko, Mary Haghney, Lori Howland, Jack Kohler

31 CLUB VOCATIONS – MASS REMINDERS

Monday 1/23 Jim Zink, Viola Kuhn

Tuesday 1/24 Mary Hoffman

Wednesday 1/25 Donna Reush

Thursday 1/26 Shirley Kiehlmeier, Kevin Kunik

Friday 1/27 Mary Maloney, Mary Zbach, Jim Zink, Barb Pronko, Martha Lata

Saturday 1/28 Monsignor Magraw

Sunday 1/29 Helen Felice, Julia Parana

“RAISE THE ROOF LOTTERY”

Tickets are \$5...get yours now!!

You can't win if you don't have a ticket!!

Our winners for this past week:

1/6 unsold ticket #512...David Wierzorek #513 \$10...Mr & Mrs John Hoffman #511 \$10...**1/7** Rose Agostini #744 \$50...Pauline Enssle #745 \$10...Joseph Brooks #743 \$10...**1/8** unsold ticket #399...unsold ticket #400...unsold ticket #398...**1/9** Dorothy Baniewicz #005 \$50...Joan Callista #006 \$10...Christine Yamrick #004 \$10...**1/10** unsold ticket #831...Matt Wierzorek #832 \$10...Tom Doyle #830 \$10...**1/11** unsold ticket #833...Mr & Mrs John Hoffman #834 \$10...Matt Wierzorek #832 \$10...**1/12** Julie Owens #026 \$50...David Marsden #027 \$10...Elaine Kuzma #025 \$10...**1/13** unsold ticket #060...unsold ticket #061...unsold ticket #059...**1/14** Joan Callista #006 \$50...unsold ticket #007...Dorothy Baniewicz #005 \$10...**1/15** Mary Blakeslee #170 \$100...unsold ticket #171...unsold ticket #169

**February tickets are available
after Mass and at the Parish Office.**

VILLA FUN NIGHT FOR EIGHTH GRADERS Villa is the place to be on Saturday, January 28th from 5-9pm. All area eighth graders are invited to the Fun Night at the Villa Maria Center where they can participate in 3-on-3 basketball tournaments, ping-pong tournaments, carnival style games, board games and swim in the pool. There will be plenty of pizza and pop to go around! Please RSVP by calling 838-2061 ext 228.

SANCTUARY CANDLE will burn this week before the Blessed Sacrament in Memory of Leo Shulkosky from Doris Shulkosky.



**Masses for the
Week**

Monday, January 23 – Weekday

7:00 +Helen Grassi / Pat & Eddie Vild

8:00 +Catherine Barber / Judy Burke

Tuesday, January 24 – St. Francis de Sales

7:00 +Eileen Dore / William & Lois Ellett

8:00 +Robert MacWhirter / Mary Sabo [wedding anniversary]

Wednesday, January 25 – Conversion of Paul

7:00 +Anna & John Goetzinger / Estate

8:00 +Chester Walkiewicz / Gerry Ryan

Thursday, January 26 – St. Timothy & St. Titus

7:00 +Fr. Robert F. Milewski / Friend

8:00 +Ernest Michaels / Family [birthday]

Friday, January 27 – St. Angela Merici

7:00 +Joseph B. Vavreck / Judy & Dave Tome [anniversary]

8:45 +Sonya Wolfe / Mary & Nancy Juchno

Saturday, January 28 – Vigil: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:15 +Helen Hoehn / Gerry Baron [anniversary]

Sunday, January 29 – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 *People of the Parish

9:00 +Billy Shannon / Family

11:00 +Teresa Callaghan / Benjamin Kimmel [birthday]

7:30 +James Spaeder / Marie Senger

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT – JANUARY 15, 2006

Weekly Need:	\$ 9,200.00
Adult Offering:	\$ 6,782.50 522 envelopes
Loose Collection:	\$ 724.90
Youth:	\$ 38.50 54 envelopes (500)
Young Adults:	\$ 39.50 20 envelopes (192)
Total	\$ 7,585.40

SINCE JULY 1, 2005 (START OF FISCAL YEAR)

Offertory Budget YTD:	\$266,800.00
Offertory Received YTD:	\$243,312.82
Surplus/Deficit	\$ -23,487.18

2005 ANNUAL CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Assessment:	\$ 55,629.00
Total Pledged to Date:	\$ 65,840.00
Paid to Date:	\$ 65,546.00
# of Pledges:	463

Our Roof Goal:	\$100,000.00
Overage from CSA:	\$ 10,211.00
Gifts towards the Roof:	\$ 4,230.00
Gift from PTC	\$ 1,000.00
YTD Profit from	
“Raise the Roof” Lottery	\$ 12,000.00
Parish Capital Improvements (gold envelope)	\$ 8,590.50
Balance to reach goal:	\$ 63,669.50

CHILDREN’S CORNER

During the past week some of our children noted on their church envelopes some ways they shared their time and talents: “I helped clean, I folded laundry, I played nice with cousin John, I helped mom clean the cupboard, I helped do the laundry all week, I helped clean my classroom, I played with my sister a game she chose, I shoveled the sidewalk.” We thank them for sharing their time, talent and treasure by using their church envelopes.